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Docket No.: 0756-2296

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In re Patent Application of)
Hisashi OHTANI et al.) Attention: Applications Branch
Serial No. 09/837,552)
Filed: April 19, 2001)
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND)
MANUFACTURING METHOD)
THEREOF)

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY

Honorable Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply – Filing Date Granted dated November 21, 2001, submitted herewith is a copy of the verified English translation of the application as filed on September 12, 2001 with the Response to Notice to File Missing Parts and a copy of the Notice of Incomplete Reply. Applicants note that the abstract is located on page 68 prior to the appendix beginning on page 69 and ending on page 72.

In view of the above, it is believed that the abstract was submitted with the Response to Notice to File Missing Parts on September 12, 2001 therefore no fee is required. The Commissioner is, however, authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees or to credit any overpayment to counsel's Deposit Account No. 19-2380 (0756-2171).

Examination on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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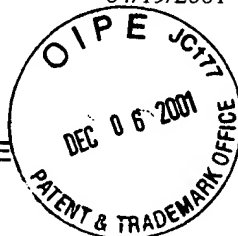


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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 11/13/2001 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 06/12/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

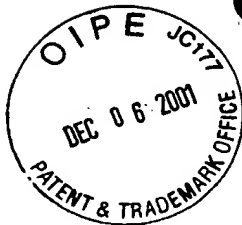
- An abstract was not provided for this application. An abstract of the technical disclosure is required under 37 CFR 1.72(b).

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VERIFICATION OF TRANSLATION

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Sir:

I, Satomi Yumoto, B-310, 304-1, Hase, Atsugi-shi, Kanagawa-ken 243-0036 Japan, a translator, herewith declare:

that I am well acquainted with both the Japanese and English Languages;

that I am the translator of the attached translation of the above identified application Serial No. 09/837,552 filed on April 19, 2001; and

that to the best of my knowledge and belief the following is a true and correct translation of the above identified application Serial No. 09/837,552 filed on April 19, 2001.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: this 3 day of August, 2001

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